

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for permanently dyeing hair comprising subjecting a person's hair to a number of treatments, having a set time interval between each two consecutive treatments, wherein each treatment comprises:

a) contacting the hair with a recently prepared mixture of a colorant composition comprising:

A) an alkaline dye composition comprising:

- (i) an effective amount to color hair of at least one dye intermediate;
- (ii) from about 0.1 to about 25% by weight based on the colorant composition of a water soluble ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt;
- (iii) from 1 to 5% by weight based on the colorant composition of a chelant; and
- (iv) a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

B) an oxidizing composition comprising:

- (i) from 0.1 to 15% by weight based on the colorant composition of a peroxide compound; and
- (ii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

b) rinsing the mixture from the hair with water.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the chelant is selected from the group consisting of aminocarboxylic acids, amino phosphonic acids, polyphosphoric acids and mixtures thereof including their salts.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the chelant is a salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the ammonium salt is ammonium carbonate.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Th~~ The method according to claim 1 wherein the amount of ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt relative to the chelant is in a weight ratio of about 4:1 to about 1:2.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein contact time on the hair is no longer than 2 minutes.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the number of treatments is at least six.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the colorant composition relative to an amount of a person's hair is applied in a weight ratio of about 1:10 to about 1:2.
9. (Original) A kit for permanently dyeing hair comprising:
 - a) a colorant composition packaged as a part A and a part B separate from one another until just before use,
part A being a dye intermediate composition comprising:
 - (i) an effective amount to color hair of at least one dye intermediate;
 - (ii) from about 0.1 to about 25% by weight of the colorant composition of a water soluble ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt;
 - (iii) from 1 to 5% by weight of the colorant composition of a chelant;
and
 - (iv) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.part B being an oxidizing composition comprising:

- (i) from 0.1 to 15% by weight of the colorant composition of a peroxide compound; and
 - (ii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.
- b) instructions for use of the colorant composition comprising applying a recently made mixture of part A and part B onto the person's hair followed by a rinse with water.

10. (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the chelant is selected from the group aminocarboxylic acids, amino phosphonic acids, polyphosphoric acids and mixtures thereof including their salts.

11. (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the chelant is a salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid.

12. (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the ammonium salt is ammonium carbonate.

13. (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the amount of ammonium carbonate or carbamate salt relative to the chelant is in a weight ratio of about 4:1 to about 1:2.

14. (Original) The kit according to claim 9 wherein the colorant composition relative to an amount of a person's hair is applied in a weight ratio of about 1:10 to about 1:2.

15. (New) A method as described in claim 1 wherein the alkaline dye composition comprises from 1.5 to 4% by weight, based on the colorant composition, of a chelant.

16. (New) A method as described in claim 1 wherein the alkaline dye composition comprises from about 2 to about 3% by weight, based on the colorant composition, of a chelant.

17. (New) A kit as described in claim 9 wherein the dye intermediate composition comprises from about 1.5 to 4% by weight, based on the colorant composition, of a chelant.

18. (New) A kit as described in claim 9 wherein the dye intermediate composition comprises from about 2 to about 3% by weight, based on the colorant composition, of a chelant.